

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.151**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Child Abuse and Neglect Medical Response Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 151 amends Title 20, Chapter 7 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 34 to enact the “South Carolina Child Abuse and Neglect Medical Response System Act”, so as to create the South Carolina Child Abuse and Neglect Medical Response System, a program to provide coordination and medical resources statewide to agencies and entities that respond to victims of child abuse and neglect.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The program’s funding level and impact on the General Fund of the State is at the General Assembly discretion. Both the University of South Carolina and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimate full funding of the program to be \$2,994,200 for the first year of implementation. Cost estimates include \$39,500 for operating expenses at the School of Medicine, \$243,200 for contractual salaries and benefits for the program’s Medical Director and Coordinator, \$311,500 for Medical Education programs to be conducted by the Medical University, and \$2,400,000 for Forensic Medical Services to be provided to an estimated 4,000 children.

DHHS notes that although many of the children served by this program may be eligible for Medicaid, it cannot assume the services to be provided under the program will be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. As a result, all cost estimates are based on the assumption that the program will operate as a 100% state-funded pass-through program. The Office of the State Treasurer indicates it can administer the fund within existing resources.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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